

ning from a proximal end of the internal gear retention member opposite the distal free end.

[0014] In accordance with yet another feature, rotation of the set screw is operably configured to place the distal free end in a rotationally retained position relative to the inner rear side surface of the rear sidewall.

[0015] In accordance with an alternate embodiment of the present invention, the tactical gear holder comprises a holster body having a lower end, an upper end opposing the lower end and defining an upper aperture sized to receive an article of tactical gear and a sidewall with an inner side surface enclosing and defining a body cavity sized to receive the article of tactical gear, the sidewall defining an adjustment aperture; and an internal gear retention member with an inner retainer surface, an outer retainer surface opposing the inner retainer surface, a first portion coupled to the inner side surface with a fastener, and a distal free end operably configured to selectively translate, independent of the first portion of the internal gear retention member, within the body cavity through rotation of a set screw disposed within the adjustment aperture, the internal gear retention member having a first position along a retention member translation path with the internal gear retention member disposed in a parallel orientation with respect to the sidewall orientation and a second position along the retention member translation path with the distal free end displaced from the inner side surface at least 0.2 inches, the internal gear retention member operably configured to be placed in rotationally retained position relative to the inner side surface with the set screw, thereby biasing the article of tactical gear within the body cavity and against the outer retainer surface and the inner side surface.

[0016] In accordance with a further feature of an alternate embodiment of the present invention, the present invention further comprises a rear sidewall defining the adjustment aperture and with an outer rear side surface and an inner rear side surface opposing the outer rear side surface, a front sidewall opposing the rear sidewall and with an outer front side surface and an inner front side surface opposing the outer front side surface, a left sidewall with an outer left side surface and an inner left side surface opposing the outer left side surface, and a right sidewall opposing the left sidewall and with an outer right side surface and an inner right side surface opposing the outer right side surface, the inner rear side surface, the inner front side surface, the inner left side surface, and the inner right side surface defining and enclosing the body cavity.

[0017] In accordance with yet another feature, the first portion is coupled to the inner rear side surface of the rear sidewall.

[0018] Although the invention is illustrated and described herein as embodied in a tactical gear holder, it is, nevertheless, not intended to be limited to the details shown because various modifications and structural changes may be made therein without departing from the spirit of the invention and within the scope and range of equivalents of the claims. Additionally, well-known elements of exemplary embodiments of the invention will not be described in detail or will be omitted so as not to obscure the relevant details of the invention.

[0019] Other features that are considered as characteristic for the invention are set forth in the appended claims. As required, detailed embodiments of the present invention are disclosed herein; however, it is to be understood that the

disclosed embodiments are merely exemplary of the invention, which can be embodied in various forms. Therefore, specific structural and functional details disclosed herein are not to be interpreted as limiting, but merely as a basis for the claims and as a representative basis for teaching one of ordinary skill in the art to variously employ the present invention in virtually any appropriately detailed structure. Further, the terms and phrases used herein are not intended to be limiting; but rather, to provide an understandable description of the invention. While the specification concludes with claims defining the features of the invention that are regarded as novel, it is believed that the invention will be better understood from a consideration of the following description in conjunction with the drawing figures, in which like reference numerals are carried forward. The figures of the drawings are not drawn to scale.

[0020] Before the present invention is disclosed and described, it is to be understood that the terminology used herein is for the purpose of describing particular embodiments only and is not intended to be limiting. The terms “a” or “an,” as used herein, are defined as one or more than one. The term “plurality,” as used herein, is defined as two or more than two. The term “another,” as used herein, is defined as at least a second or more. The terms “including” and/or “having,” as used herein, are defined as comprising (i.e., open language). The term “coupled,” as used herein, is defined as connected, although not necessarily directly, and not necessarily mechanically. The term “providing” is defined herein in its broadest sense, e.g., bringing/coming into physical existence, making available, and/or supplying to someone or something, in whole or in multiple parts at once or over a period of time. Also, for purposes of description herein, the terms “upper,” “lower,” “left,” “rear,” “right,” “front,” “vertical,” “horizontal,” and derivatives thereof relate to the invention as oriented in the figures and is not to be construed as limiting any feature to be a particular orientation, as said orientation may be changed based on the user’s perspective of the device. Furthermore, there is no intention to be bound by any expressed or implied theory presented in the preceding technical field, background, brief summary or the following detailed description.

[0021] As used herein, the terms “about” or “approximately” apply to all numeric values, whether or not explicitly indicated. These terms generally refer to a range of numbers that one of skill in the art would consider equivalent to the recited values (i.e., having the same function or result). In many instances these terms may include numbers that are rounded to the nearest significant figure. In this document, the term “longitudinal” should be understood to mean in a direction corresponding to an elongated direction of the holster assembly, spanning from the bottom wall to the upper edge of the sidewall of the holster.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0022] The accompanying figures, where like reference numerals refer to identical or functionally similar elements throughout the separate views and which together with the detailed description below are incorporated in and form part of the specification, serve to further illustrate various embodiments and explain various principles and advantages all in accordance with the present invention.

[0023] FIG. 1 is a perspective top view of a tactical gear holder, in accordance with the present invention;